## **ABSTRACT**

A protective device (14) for the drive unit (10) of a watercraft such as a sport motor boat, a fishing vessel or the like, especially having a Zdrive. In order to prevent barnacle infestation and fouling of the drive unit (10) while the watercraft in the water, the protective device (14) (16) with at configured as a housing dimensionally stable housing shell parts (18), which, in the mutually connected closed state, for the sealtight enclosure of the drive unit (10) to be protected, bear in a seal-tight manner one against the other with their closing edges (22), which correspond to one another in shape, and with an opening edge (24) against the hull of the watercraft, the housing shell parts (18) consisting of a lightproof material.

(figure 1)